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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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		Country Code ¹ Number ² Kind Code ³ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
	1	TW 475472	02-01-2002			+
	2	TW 535929	06-01-2003			+
	3	TW 531148	05-01-2003			+
	4	TW 452321	08-21-2001			+
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Filed : October 26, 2003
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Examiner : Michael V. Datskovskiy
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5 Title: EXTERNAL CONNECTION DEVICE FOR A STORAGE DEVICE

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Subject: Information disclosure statement under 37 CFR §1.56

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This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 CFR §1.56. The applicant wishes to make of record the documents listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08.

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Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in an Office communication mailed on Jun 24, 2005 for the counterpart Taiwan patent application number 092119871, which are no more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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In accordance with MPEP 609 III B(4), information disclosure statements filed after payment of the issue fee in an application will not be considered but will merely be placed in the application file. The applicant is not willing to withdraw the application from issue. It is respectfully requested that the cited references
5 merely be placed in the application file and be made of record.

According to the requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP 609, the applicant is submitting a copy of Taiwanese patent documents TW 475742 (published Feb 01, 2002), TW 535929 (published Jun 01, 2003), TW 531148 (published May 01,
10 2003), TW 452321 (published Aug 21, 2001), and TW 541048 (published Jul 01, 2003).

The translation of the abstract of TW 475742 is as follows: The application discloses an external connection device for a peripheral device, such as a hard disk
15 drive or a CD drive. The external connection device makes it possible to adjust the setting of the peripheral device, ex. to adjust the setting of the JUMPs of a hard disk drive, without removing the peripheral device. An uncovered interface installed on the housing of the external connection device is connected to a setting unit of the peripheral device, such as a JUMP switch, via a connection unit. Therefore, a user or a
20 maintenance worker can adjust the setting of the peripheral device without removing the peripheral device from the external connection device.

The translation of the abstract of TW 535929 is as follows: The application is related to an improved structure of an external connection device for placing a hard
25 disk drive or a CD drive. A U-shaped fillister is formed on a side of a housing of the external connection device. A U-shaped handle is hinged with the U-shaped fillister. The U-shaped handle can be contained in the fillister and pulled out from the fillister. When the U-shaped handle is contained in fillister, the surface of the housing is plane. The external connection device can be easily moved out to connect to another
30 computer by pulling the U-shaped handle.

The English language abstract of the Taiwanese patent TW 531148 is recited as

follows: A receptacle for receiving an optoelectronic module. The receptacle includes a frame (1), a metal door (2) received in the frame, and a metal shield (3) attached on the frame. The frame includes a rectangular closure (17), and two parallel side walls (11) extending from opposite sides of the closure. A plurality of shallow slots (141, 142) is defined in opposite sides of the closure. An entrance (14) is defined in a middle of the closure. The door movably blocks the entrance. Each of a pair of grounding plates (4) includes a pair of resilient side clip (42) attached in the shallow slots of the closure, a plurality of resilient latches (43) engaging with the closure, and a plurality of grounding tabs (44, 45). The grounding plates are thereby firmly fastened on the closure, ensuring reliable grounding contact therebetween.

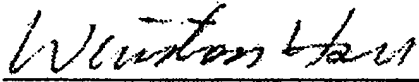
The translation of the abstract of TW 452321 is as follows: The application is related to an external connection device. The external connection device is composed of a lower housing, an upper housing, two fixtures, and a signal connection device. The external connection is characterized by fixing the two fixtures on the internal surface of two sides of the lower housing by screwing screws through holes of the lower housing to screw holes. An opened ditch is formed at a position corresponding to the holes of the lower housing. A tenon extends downward from a position of the upper housing which is corresponding to the ditch. The holes of the upper housing can be located in the ditch by placing a peripheral device between the two fixtures and by adjusting the position of the peripheral device. Then the peripheral device is fixed in the lower housing by screwing screws through the ditch and the holes of the lower housing to screw holes. The upper housing connects with the lower housing and the tenon is plugged into the ditch. Finally, screws pass through side holes of the upper housing and are screwed into the holes.

The translation of the detail description of TW 541048 is as follows: The application is related to an appearance design of an external connection device. The appearances of traditional external connection devices are monotone. The primary object of the present application is to beautify the appearance of the external connection device and to provide a new and creative design of the appearance. By looking from the front of the external connection device, the

external connection device of the present application is like a rocket. With sideways
looking of the external connection device, the front of the external connection device
is an elegant cambered surface and the back of the external connection device has a
big belly for placing a peripheral device. The surface between the front and the back
5 of the external connection is smooth. The appearance of the external connection
device is modern, beautiful, and symmetrical.

Sincerely yours,

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